

Taking the Pro-Life Message to the Streets

One of Right to Life's outreach programs is our parade float, which annually makes its way to the area festivals during the parade season. Thank you to Jenni Bohman and Sara Stueve, who organized float construction and transportation for the Versailles Poultry Days parade, where the RTL float won the Chairman's Award. Thank you also to Darke County RTL members who assisted at Versailles: Joan Gehret, Amber Schmerge, Jeanette, Andrea, and Miriah Barga, Mary Gigandet, Mary Ann Dirksen, and Krista Schmitmeyer.

Thank you to Ron Meyer for pulling the float at the Botkins Carousel parade.

Still to come: Look for the RTL float at the Sidney Applefest parade later this year.



Mark your calendar

- Deadline for submissions to the August newsletter: July 26.
- Board meeting: August 7, 7 pm. No meeting in July.

Clothing center report

We served 144 people during the month of May, of whom 19 received free items, 8 attended parenting classes, and one took literature.

Thank you to an anonymous donor who provided funds for RTL's diaper program for June through August. If you would like to sponsor month, please contact the office or director@shelbycountyrctl.org.

Right to Life of Shelby County is a 501(c)(3) educational and service organization. All donations are fully tax-deduct

House Defeats Sex-Selection Abortion Ban

Democrats in the House of Representatives prevented passage of a bill that would ban sex-selection abortions. The legislation needed a two-thirds vote and Democrats voted overwhelmingly against the legislation after President Barack Obama and Planned Parenthood came out in opposition. With a 246-168 vote, the bill did not obtain the two-thirds majority necessary to pass. Republicans voted for the bill on a 226-7 margin while Democrats opposed banning sex-selection abortions on 161-20 vote margin.

The bill would make it a federal offense to knowingly do any one of the following four things: (1) perform an abortion, at any time in pregnancy, "knowing that such abortion is sought based on the sex or gender of the child"; (2) use "force or threat of force. . . for the purpose of coercing a sex-selection abortion"; (3) solicit or accept funds to perform a sex-selection abortion; or (4) transport a woman into the U.S. or across state lines for this purpose. However, the bill says "A woman upon whom a sex-selection abortion is performed may not be prosecuted or held civilly liable for any violation . . ."

The bill also specifically states, "Nothing in this Act shall be construed to require that a healthcare provider has an affirmative duty to inquire as to the motivation for the abortion, absent the healthcare provider having knowledge or information that the abortion is being sought based on the sex or gender of the child."

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Right to Life at Shelby County Fair

Right to Life's presence at the Shelby County Fair is an important part of our outreach to the community. Every year our volunteers help to put the pro-life message before thousands of passersby at the fair by staffing our display booth and distributing pro-life literature and other items to the many interested fairgoers who stop by to visit.

If you'd like to be a part of this outreach, please contact Karen Berning, 492-7875. Karen will soon be contacting those who signed up for the fair booth on their 2012 membership volunteer form. Thank you for your help!

**VOTE
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Vote Pro-Life Signs Available

This November represents another vital election for the pro-life cause. Help to keep this most important issue at the center of the national debate by planting a "Vote Pro-Life" sign in your yard. Durable, easy-to-read signs are available from the thrift shop for \$8.

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Leading pro-life groups were aghast that Democrats would stand in the way of passing what should be a common sense bill.

Tom McClusky, Senior Vice President for Family Research Council Action (FRC Action), had the following to say: "We are deeply saddened that the U.S. House of Representatives would vote to keep sex-selection abortion legal in this country. That anyone on either side of the political aisle would vote against a bill preventing gendercide in the United States is profoundly troubling. Given that CDC data suggests sex-selection abortion is occurring in our country, and a recent undercover video released this week by Live Action showing Planned Parenthood's willingness to facilitate a sex-selection abortion, the American public cannot ignore this sexist practice.

NRLC Legislative Director Douglas Johnson said: "We are heartened that a strong majority of House members voted to ban performing or coercing abortions for the purpose of eliminating unborn babies of an undesired sex – usually, girls. Shamefully, President Obama, and a minority of 168 House members, complied with the political demands of pro-abortion pressure groups, rather than defend the coerced women, and their unborn daughters, who are victimized by sex-selection abortions."

A few years ago, a national study showed the possibility that the practice of sex-selection abortions has made its way from Asia to the United States. Researchers Douglas Almond and Lena Edlund of the National Academy of Sciences say their analysis of the 2000 Census shows the odds prematurely increasing for Asian-American families from China, Korea and India to have a boy if they already have a girl child. The data "suggest that in a sub-population with a traditional son preference, the technologies are being used to generate male births when preceding births are female," they wrote in the paper.

A recent poll conducted by the Lozier Institute found that 77% of respondents would support the enactment of laws prohibiting abortion in cases where "the fact that the developing baby is a girl is the sole reason for seeking an abortion." Illinois, Pennsylvania, Oklahoma and Arizona already have laws on the books which prohibit this practice, according to the Lozier Institute. Meanwhile, a 2006 poll showed a majority of Americans would likely support the bill. A 2006 Zogby International poll showed that 86% of the American public desired a law to ban sex-selection abortion. The poll surveyed a whopping 30,117 respondents in 48 states.

By Steven Ertelt, LifeNews.com, May 31, 2012. Edited for space and used with permission.

Ohio Right to Life Sweepstakes Enclosed

You can aid both our local and our state Right to Life organizations at the same time by purchasing the enclosed ORTL raffle tickets. Grand prize is \$1000. Requested donation for tickets is \$1 per ticket, or \$10 for the entire sheet of 12.

All money and tickets should be returned to Shelby County Right to Life, PO Box 72, Sidney, OH 45365 (or placed in the secure drop box to the left of the main entrance at our office at 102 E. Poplar). Please make checks payable to Shelby County Right to Life. Thank you for your support.

Stand True Joins White Rose Coalition: Pro-Life Youth Action

Editor's Note: Stand True is an apostolate run by Troy resident, Bryan Kemper, who was the main speaker at RTL's 2011 membership meeting

The White Rose was a coalition of young people in Nazi Germany who dedicated themselves to educate Germans about the truth of the Nazi Holocaust. These young people were willing to risk their lives to spread the truth and be a light in the darkness; they raised their voices for life when the penalty for being caught was certain death.

I have always admired the courage of the White Rose and have wanted to see such courage in the youth of America in regards to the Abortion Holocaust. Over the past several years we have seen just such a rise in courage, passion and dedication in America's youth and they are standing up more than ever against the killing of their generation.

This summer Stand True and Priests for Life Youth Outreach will be launching the White Rose Pro-life Summer Project in Dayton, OH. We will spread the truth about abortion and be a constant voice for life in front of Dayton's only remaining abortion clinic. We will be bringing in youth from around the country to spend a portion or all of their summer as part of the White Rose Pro-life Summer.

The White Rose Pro-life Summer Project will saturate Dayton, OH and the surrounding area with the message of life as we reveal the truth that abortion is the killing of innocent children. We will have a peaceful, prayerful presence in front of Martin Haskell's abortion clinic in Kettering, OH (a suburb of Dayton) every day. We will be bringing our pro-life witness, literature distribution and street ministry to events around the city, including baseball games, conventions and more.

We will be building the social networking outreach for many pro-life organizations and helping to build a powerful pro-life internet street team. We plan on setting up meetings with as many churches in the Dayton, OH area as possible to ask them how we can help make sure they have a pro-life outreach in the Dayton community. We will be building a coalition of locals in the Dayton, OH area to continue to do this work after the summer is over. We will be traveling to Washington, DC to attend and work at the National Right to Life Convention. We will have a booth at Cornerstone Music Festival in Illinois.

This is the 40th year of legalized child killing in America; one full generation has now been placed under the cloud of abortion. This generation is standing up, raising their voices and declaring that this is the generation who will abolish abortion. This summer the youth of America will shine the light in Dayton, OH and put the abortion industry on notice. The abortion holocaust will end and this generation will be instrumental in its total abolishment.

The White Rose Pro-life Summer Project will run from June 1 – July 31, 2012 and you can come for any amount of time you choose. Please e-mail bryankemper@standtrue.com or call Bryan at 540-538-2581 for more information on joining us.

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Ohio House Introduces Sex-Selection Abortion Ban Bill

Editor's Note: Our state representatives are attempting to pass legislation similar to what the US Congress defeated.

The Prenatal Non-Discrimination Act (PRENDA) was introduced today in the Ohio House of Representatives by Representatives Matt Lynch and Cheryl Grossman. This legislation would ban sex-selection abortion, the practice of terminating the unborn child based on gender. Globally, sex-selection abortion is most often targeted at unborn girls. "The sobering reality is that babies are being aborted in our society because of their gender," said Mike Gonidakis, President of Ohio Right to Life.

This legislation, recently debated with bipartisan support on the federal level, would make it an offense, punishable by up to five years imprisonment, to knowingly do any one of the following: (1) perform an abortion "knowing that such abortion is sought based on the sex or gender of the child"; (2) use "force or threat of force...for the purpose of coercing a sex-selection abortion"; or (3) solicit or accept funds to perform a sex-selection abortion.

"Protecting babies from sex-selective abortion should not be a partisan issue," said Stephanie Krider, Director of Legislative Affairs at Ohio Right to Life. "We need to pass this legislation to defend the rights of unborn girls here in Ohio, for the dignity of women everywhere."

India, China, the United Kingdom, Canada, the Netherlands, Sweden, Norway, Finland, Switzerland and Germany all have laws in place to protect baby girls from gendercide. Based on the evidence provided by recent investigations performed by LiveAction, sex-selective abortions are taking place in the United States. Arizona, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania and Illinois have passed these laws as well.

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